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NSC BRIEFING

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NEAR EAST SITUATION

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- B. Syrian press and radio continuing bitter attack on Nuri for alleged coup plot against Syria.
- C. Although Nuri government shaky, [redacted]
he intends to ride out storm.
 - 1. Anti-Government demonstrations quelled--momentarily at least--by tough measures.
 - 2. Anti-Nuri feeling in Iraq still high, however, and further demonstrations are likely.
 - 3. Army discontent is especially rife among junior officers.
- D. These internal difficulties will probably keep Iraqis busy at home.

III. In Jordan, Nabulsi cabinet has announced that abrogation of treaty with UK is one of Government's major objectives.

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- B. British are doling out treaty subsidy on weekly basis: any sudden break would leave Jordan's army unpaid.
- C. Question for Jordan is: who will pick up tab?
 - 1. Hussain has clearly implied he would like US to do so.
 - 2. Other pressures, however, are for exclusively "Arab" aid, which King recognizes would not give long-term security,

25X6 and behind which might be money from Moscow.

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